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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

TOWN HALL,
SALE.
March, 1926.

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Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The estimated population of SALE is 17,000.

The area of Sale is 2,005 acres.

The number of inhabited houses is about 4,390 during 1925.

There were 267 BIRTHS - 132 males and 135 females, giving a Birth Rate of 15.7 per 1,000 per annum (3 boys and 6 girls being illegitimate). The Birth Rate is slightly better than the previous two years.

The Birth Rate for the past 5 years is as follows:-

<u>1921.</u>	<u>1922.</u>	<u>1923.</u>	<u>1924.</u>	<u>1925.</u>
18.7	16.68	15.06	15.23	15.7

DEATHS:- 78 Males and 96 Females (174) died during the year, giving a Death Rate of 10.2 per 1,000 per annum. There were 52 deaths in outside districts, giving an inclusive Death Rate of 13.2 per 1,000 per annum.

The Death Rates for the past 5 years, local and inclusive, are as follows :-

	<u>1921.</u>	<u>1922.</u>	<u>1923.</u>	<u>1924.</u>	<u>1925.</u>
Locally regisd.	8.9	8.6	8.49	9.42	10.2
Inclus-ive.	11.12	11.5	9.8	12.75	13.2

There were 3 deaths from Zymotic Disease, giving a Zymotic Death Rate of .17 .

Of the 174 Deaths, Heart trouble accounted for 21, Cancer 19, Cerebral Haemorrhage 11, Old Age 19, Bronchitis 13, Pneumonia 6, and Influenza 9.

10 male and 7 female children died before attaining one year of age, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 63.6.

The causes of death were :-

Prematurity 8, Weakly 2, Spina-Befada 2, Diarrhoea 1, Heart defective 1, Broncho-pneumonia 1, Whooping Cough 1, Asphyxia-neonatorum 1.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:- There were 99 cases notified, consisting of:-

Scarlet Fever 64 (two-thirds of these being in the last half of the year), Diphtheria 22, Erysipelas 5, Ophthalmia Neonatorum 3, Typhus 1, Puerperal Septicaemia 2, Encephalitis Lethargica 1, and Acute Anterio-poliomyelitis 1.

16 Scarlet Fever and 10 Diphtheria cases were sent to Hospital. One death occurred in Hospital from Diphtheria.

TUBERCULOSIS:- 12 Males and 11 Females were notified as suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 7 Males and 3 Females from General Tuberculosis.

There were sent to Sanatoria and Hospitals 10 Males and 5 females. 9 males and 3 females were discharged.

There were 10 male and 8 female deaths from Tuberculosis registered in the district, and deaths outside numbered 8, making a total of 26.

THE WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL is carrying on very good work and is a great boon to the district.

THE CHILDREN'S WELFARE CENTRE is also doing capital work. Two days a week are given up to weighing etc. the children.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S STATEMENT OF WORK DONE DURING 1925.

Ashpits abolished & Dustbins substituted	35
Privy ashpits converted into W.C's	20
Defective Dustbins	50
Stopped drains	17
Stopped gullies	45
Leaking roof	1
Dry rot in Bedroom	1
Defective chimney	1
Defective gutters	3
Defective footpath	1
Defective W.C.	1
(Inspections made of Slaughter houses as per intima-	
(tions as to (time of) slaughtering	9
Cowsheds and Dairies	24
Workshops and Workplaces	12
Outworkers	6
Bakehouses	12
Canal Boats	37.

140 new houses were built during the year. No houses were certified as unfit for habitation.

Defects were found which affected 40 houses. A letter or personal interview with the agent or owner as to such defects met with satisfactory results.

Building is going on steadily in the district, but houses are still required.

Your Medical Officer has paid over 300 visits of inspection for defects by request of tenants, and where infectious disease was present. The defects were in most cases promptly attended to. No Statutory Orders were required.

The Meadows in Dane Road are still in a deplorable condition. Fortunately no bad outbreak of disease can be traced to the state of the water-logged land, but it is a distinct menace to the district.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

H. MIALL WOODHEAD,

Medical Officer of Health.

W. SLATE,
CHAIRMAN.

2nd March, 1926.

